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Jeans 'n Classics getting ready for move to London Convention Centre

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Courtesy of Peter Brennan

Peter Brennan is the head of London's Jeans 'n Classics, which has been touring for 18 years.

Take John Lennon's Imagine, a minimal song with piano and a little bit of bass, but then imagine 45 string instruments start to play along ... flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons, and horns chime in, creating a rich symphonic sound.

Jeans 'n Classics is a London-based company that takes rock, pop and classic rock favourites like Led Zeppelin and Queen, and weaves them into orchestral productions, with 60 to 70 people on stage performing as opposed to a handful.

“I’ve always liked all those instruments, all those layers of sounds and all those colours,” said Peter Brennan, head of the 18-year old touring company, which recently parted ways with Orchestra London to pursue a new project.

Jeans 'n Classics has partnered with the breast cancer research fundraising organization, A Rose in my Book, to present a new four-show series at the London Convention Centre. The first show, Handstands — The Very Best of Jeans 'n Classics, takes place Sept. 29, with profits going to breast cancer research.

Brennan assures his London audience that Jeans n’ Classics will continue to spice up the scene with orchestral rock n’ roll productions.

“People like the concept,” said Brennan. “They love the music they grew up with. A Pink Floyd fan is as fervent today as when Dark Side Of The Moon came out, or The Wall. Something landed for them and they don’t want to let it go.”

So if the prospect of hearing Another Brick in the Wall performed by a symphony orchestra tickles your eardrums, be sure to check out Jeans 'n Classics' new London series.

Tickets are available online at jeansnclassics.com.